

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**AGENCY**

**MASTER AGREEMENT FOR  
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS**

This Agreement is made and entered into between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Agency (AGENCY).

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## **1. DEFINITIONS**

AWARD	- Means the FEDERAL grant money and/or State grant money paid by MDOT through the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.
COMMISSION	- Means the Michigan State Transportation Commission.
COORDINATING COMMITTEE	- Means a group of local human services agencies representing Specialized Services interests.
COST/EXPENSE	- Means the amount to be paid through the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION. The term “cost” implies a one-time event such as a purchase, while the term “expense” implies ongoing payments such as salaries and wages, fuel, utilities, etc. This Agreement covers both capital purchases and operating programs and attempts to use the terms within their definitions.

DIRECT RECIPIENT	- Means an agency that receives FEDERAL funds directly.
FEDERAL	- Means the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and/or Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).
FEDERAL AWARD	- Means the FEDERAL grant money paid by the federal government directly to the AGENCY.
FORMULA RECIPIENT	- Means a recipient of funds pursuant to Section 10e(4) of Public Act 51 of 1951, as amended.
LOCAL OR REGIONAL ALLOCATION COMMITTEE	- Means a group of metropolitan planning agencies, local road commissions, transit agencies, cities, and/or villages, as required, that allocates funds among eligible entities.
PART 200	- Means the Code of Federal Regulations Title 2 – Grants and Agreements, Subtitle B, Chapter XII, Part 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, which applies to DIRECT RECIPIENTS.
PART 1201	- Means the Code of Federal Regulations Title 2 – Grants and Agreements, Subtitle B, Chapter XII, Part 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, by which the United States Department of Transportation adopts PART 200 with other provisions.
PROJECT	- Means a funded activity that is budgeted and managed as a separate entity. If a PROJECT uses FEDERAL funds, the activities and content of the PROJECT will be in accordance with the terms of the corresponding FEDERAL grant.
PROJECT AUTHORIZATION	- Means the written document(s), which may be in electronic or paper form, by which a specific PROJECT is to be carried out by the AGENCY under the terms of this Agreement, as defined and initiated by MDOT.
SUBRECIPIENT	- Means an agency that receives FEDERAL funds from MDOT.

## **2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Agreement is to make FEDERAL and/or state grant funds available to the AGENCY for the costs of eligible PROJECTS that promote or benefit public transportation. This Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions for any and all PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS issued hereunder. Award of this Agreement will not in any manner provide for or imply any agreement on the part of MDOT to issue any PROJECT AUTHORIZATION(S) to the AGENCY.

For each PROJECT AUTHORIZATION that contains FEDERAL funds, the AGENCY must follow the guidelines and regulations of the respective FEDERAL agency and program, which may include the [FTA Certifications and Assurances](#) and/or the [FTA Master Agreement](#), which are updated annually, as applicable.

## **3. ANNUAL APPLICATION**

The AGENCY must have an approved application for PROJECTS to be selected for funding. Please see the [Annual Application instructions](#).

## **4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The AGENCY must disclose any potential conflict of interest in it receiving financial assistance through a PROJECT AUTHORIZATION to MDOT in writing. If the potential conflict of interest is with a FEDERAL AWARD, the AGENCY must submit the written disclosure to the applicable FEDERAL agency.

## **5. PROJECT FUNDING**

The maximum cost of any PROJECT will be the amount indicated in the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION. MDOT funds for PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS are made available through legislative appropriations and are based on projected revenue estimates. MDOT may reduce the amount of any PROJECT AUTHORIZATION or terminate any PROJECT AUTHORIZATION if the revenue actually received is insufficient to support the appropriation under which the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION is issued. The AGENCY will be responsible for all costs in excess of the funds shown in any PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.

If the FEDERAL funds received are less than the amount shown in any PROJECT AUTHORIZATION, the MDOT funds will be adjusted to maintain the same ratio shown in the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION. In no case will the MDOT share increase in ratio or in dollar amount without a revision to the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.

In any case in which a PROJECT AUTHORIZATION contains state funds that match FEDERAL funds, funding of the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION is contingent upon the award of the matching FEDERAL grant. When MDOT is the recipient of the FEDERAL grant, PROJECT AUTHORIZATION funding is contingent upon the award of the grant between MDOT and the FEDERAL agency. When the AGENCY is the recipient of the FEDERAL grant, the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION funding is contingent upon award of the FEDERAL grant between the AGENCY and the FEDERAL agency. MDOT and the AGENCY must comply with the provisions established by the FEDERAL matching grant as they affect this Agreement and each PROJECT AUTHORIZATION, the FEDERAL grant being incorporated herein by reference. When the FEDERAL grant is administered by the AGENCY, special provisions apply as indicated in the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION. The AGENCY must comply with the appropriate fiscal year Contract Clauses Certification referenced in the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION. In addition, the AGENCY must comply with any applicable Department of Labor Certification of Transit Employee Protective Arrangements requirements as issued by the U.S. Department of Labor.

For agencies that receive FEDERAL funds from MDOT, MDOT may withhold FEDERAL funds or require the return of project equipment for failure to meet FEDERAL requirements in the FEDERAL grant and/or MDOT requirements.

## **6. ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS**

The AGENCY agrees that the costs reported to MDOT for each PROJECT AUTHORIZATION will represent only those items that are properly chargeable in accordance with this Agreement. The AGENCY also certifies that it has read the Agreement terms and has made itself aware of the applicable laws, regulations, and terms of this Agreement that apply to the reporting of costs incurred under the terms of this Agreement.

### **DIRECT RECIPIENTS:**

PART 200 governs the grant administration, cost principles, and audit requirements for FEDERAL AWARDS. Application of PART 200 is not automatic. Individual agency regulations and the terms and conditions of individual federal awards determine if and how PART 200 affects a specific award. It is the AGENCY's responsibility to determine PART 200's applicability and to notify MDOT in writing of that determination.

### **SUBRECIPIENTS:**

PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS that reimburse operating expenses must comply with the Local Public Transit Revenue and Expense Manual except for PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS under the Specialized Services Program. (Please see Section 21.) PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS that reimburse capital expenses must comply with the terms of this Agreement and MDOT's purchasing/procurement requirements.

Travel costs must be in accordance with and not to exceed the amounts set forth in the current [State of Michigan Standardized Travel Regulations](#).

Insurance proceeds received for all losses, after deductibles are met, will be used for replacement/repair before state and/or FEDERAL funds are used.

If the AGENCY receives state and/or FEDERAL operating funds for more than one PROJECT, a narrative cost allocation methodology is required and must be submitted to MDOT for approval.

## **7. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS, REVISIONS, AND AMENDMENTS**

Expenditures that are not consistent with PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS will not be considered eligible PROJECT costs unless written approval has been requested by the AGENCY and granted by MDOT in accordance with this section.

Budget adjustments to a PROJECT AUTHORIZATION are required to change an existing line item. Such changes may include additions or deletions to the quantities and/or description in a specific line item if it is determined that each change is justified to fulfill the purpose of the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION. Upon receipt of a written request to make changes that require a budget adjustment, MDOT must respond to the AGENCY providing written approval or disapproval of the budget adjustment or requesting further information.

Revisions to a PROJECT AUTHORIZATION are required if the proposed change would add a new line item, change the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION amount, change the state, FEDERAL, or local amounts, significantly change the scope, or extend the term of the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION. The PROJECT AUTHORIZATION must be revised to make the change before the expenditure will be deemed an eligible PROJECT cost. Requests to make changes that require a revision to the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION will be processed in a timely manner, as circumstances permit. Upon receipt of a written request to make changes that require revision(s) and, if applicable, receipt of written approval from the LOCAL OR REGIONAL ALLOCATION COMMITTEE, MDOT must respond to the AGENCY, providing written approval or disapproval of the revision or requesting further information.

Amendments to this Agreement are required for any change in the scope or terms of this Agreement and will be by award of a written amendment to this Agreement by the parties.

The AGENCY agrees to notify MDOT in writing of any significant event on a timely basis. A significant event is an event that may have significant potential impact on PROJECT progress, direction, control, or cost.

(Please see Section 21 for additional requirements for the Specialized Services Program.)

## **8. TIMELY EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS**

Beginning with PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS awarded after September 30, 2021, sufficient progress toward the obligation of funds must be made within twelve (12) months of receiving an awarded PROJECT AUTHORIZATION or MDOT may cancel the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION and the AGENCY will no longer have access to the funds. Sufficient progress may be documented by placing an order, issuing a solicitation, having a third-party contract awarded, or taking other documentable action to utilize the funds.

The AGENCY may request to extend the term of a PROJECT AUTHORIZATION. Extension requests must be submitted in writing at least six (6) months prior to expiration of the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION and must include justification for the extension and a timeline for completion of the remaining PROJECTS. If MDOT agrees with the justification and timeline, an extension will be granted that maintains the full state match. If the request is not timely or the justification is not acceptable to MDOT, MDOT may choose to offer a one-year extension of the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION replacing one-third of the state match with local funds or may choose to cancel the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.

For agencies purchasing vehicle(s) through a vehicle contract procured by MDOT, if there is an increase in the contract price, the needed additional funds will not be provided by MDOT unless the vehicle was ordered within six (6) months of the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION being awarded or unless there was an increase in the contract amount within six (6) months of the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION being awarded.

## **9. COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT**

Project-Related Procurement: If the AGENCY receives FEDERAL funding through MDOT for the procurement, the AGENCY will comply with current [Procurement Guidelines for Grantees Receiving Federal Transit Funds via MDOT](#).

Vehicle-Related Procurement: The AGENCY will submit to MDOT all required procurement documents listed in the [Guidelines for Local Vehicle Procurement on State Administered Grants](#) for review and approval by MDOT for solicitations over the amount identified in COMMISSION policy.

If the AGENCY purchases vehicles through the State Vehicle Purchasing Program, the AGENCY is exempt from the contract approval process described in Section 10. When purchasing vehicles from the State Vehicle Purchasing Program, the AGENCY must follow the procedures outlined in the current [Guidelines for State Vehicle Purchasing Program](#).

## **10. THIRD-PARTY CONTRACT PROCEDURES**

If the AGENCY is not certified in accordance with COMMISSION policy or receives FEDERAL funding through MDOT for the procurement, the AGENCY will submit to MDOT for approval all contracts, including amendments, between the AGENCY and a party other than MDOT that relate to this Agreement that are estimated to be in excess of the dollar amount for third-party contracts identified in COMMISSION policy prior to said contracts being signed by the AGENCY. All third-party contracts must contain language that incorporates by reference all terms and conditions contained in this Master Agreement. The AGENCY will not enter into multiple contracts of lesser amounts for the purpose of avoiding such approval process.

MDOT approval does not constitute an assumption of liability, a waiver, or an estoppel to enforce any of the requirements of this Agreement, nor will any such approvals by MDOT be construed as warranties of the third party's qualifications, professional standing, ability to perform the work being subcontracted, or financial integrity.

## **11. PROMPT PAYMENT**

The AGENCY agrees to pay each subcontractor for the satisfactory completion of work associated with the subcontract no later than ten (10) calendar days from the receipt of each payment the AGENCY receives from MDOT. The AGENCY further agrees to return retainage payments to each subcontractor within ten (10) calendar days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement from these time frames may occur only upon receipt of written approval from MDOT. This requirement is also applicable to all sub-tier subcontractors and will be made a part of all subcontract agreements.

This prompt payment provision is a requirement of 49 CFR Part 26, as amended, and does not confer third-party beneficiary right or other direct right to a subcontractor against MDOT. This provision applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

## **12. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS**

Any agency of a political subdivision of the State of Michigan and its contractors must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00); procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and



resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

### **13. PROCUREMENT OF VEHICLES BY AGENCY**

The AGENCY will purchase revenue vehicles as shown in each PROJECT AUTHORIZATION through its own local purchase process or through the State Vehicle Purchasing Program. If the AGENCY purchases vehicles through the State Vehicle Purchasing Program, the AGENCY is exempt from the contract approval process described in Section 10. When purchasing vehicles from the State Vehicle Purchasing Program, the AGENCY must follow the procedures outlined in the current [Guidelines for State Vehicle Purchasing Program](#). When purchasing vehicles under the local purchase process, the AGENCY must follow the procedures outlined in the current [Guidelines for Local Vehicle Purchase on State Administered Grants](#) and is not exempt from the procedures set forth in Section 10.

For procurement of demand response vehicles, the AGENCY must have an approved vehicle accessibility plan in accordance with 1951 Public Act (PA) 51, Section 10e (18), as amended, in addition to meeting the equivalent level of service required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) Final Rule, 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38.

### **14. INSPECTION OF PROJECT EQUIPMENT AND RECORDS**

The AGENCY will permit MDOT, the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Secretary of the US DOT or their authorized representatives, agents, or employees to audit, review, and inspect all equipment purchased as part of the PROJECT, all transportation services rendered by the AGENCY by the use of such equipment, and all relevant PROJECT records. Any approvals, reviews, and/or inspections of any nature by MDOT will not be construed as warranties or assumptions of liability on the part of MDOT. It is expressly understood and agreed that any such approvals are for the sole and exclusive purposes of MDOT, which is acting in a governmental capacity under this Agreement, and that such approvals are a governmental function incidental to the PROJECT under this Agreement. Such inspection does not relieve the AGENCY of its obligations hereunder, nor is such inspection to be construed as a warranty of the propriety of the equipment, services, or records. The AGENCY will also permit the above referenced persons to audit the books, records, and accounts of the AGENCY pertaining to the PROJECT. Records must be kept for three (3) years after disposal of PROJECT equipment.

### **15. USE AND DISPOSITION OF FACILITY/PROJECT EQUIPMENT**

The AGENCY agrees that the facility/PROJECT equipment will be used for the provision of public transportation service for the duration of its useful life and, if funded with FEDERAL and MDOT funds, will be used in accordance with FEDERAL

procedures as set forth in 49 CFR Part 18. If, during the period of its useful life, any facility/PROJECT equipment is not used in said manner or is withdrawn from public transportation service, the AGENCY will immediately notify MDOT in writing. If FTA-funded real property is no longer needed for any transit purpose, the AGENCY is required to prepare or update an excess real property utilization plan. The plan should identify and explain the reason for the excess property and plans to use or dispose of the excess property. If land was donated by an agency for a facility project and the facility becomes excess property, the land is considered part of the excess property included in the utilization plan. Unless the FTA and the AGENCY agree otherwise, the excess real property inventory and updated excess property utilization plan should be retained by the AGENCY and made available upon request and during an FTA review.

During the period of this Agreement, the AGENCY will maintain the facility/PROJECT equipment for the period of the useful life of such equipment. Maintenance will conform to the manufacturer's recommendations as to service and service intervals for such equipment. In addition, the AGENCY is required to submit a vehicle maintenance plan or plan revision, as directed by MDOT, for review and approval by MDOT. This vehicle maintenance plan, at a minimum, will include all of the components listed in MDOT's current [Preventive Maintenance Manual](#). If the AGENCY revises its vehicle maintenance plan, said plan will be submitted for review and approval by MDOT. The AGENCY will maintain supporting records documenting such maintenance. Representatives of MDOT will have the right to conduct periodic inspection for the purpose of confirming proper maintenance pursuant to this section. Such inspection by MDOT does not relieve the AGENCY of its obligations hereunder, nor is such inspection by MDOT to be construed as a warranty as to the sufficiency of the maintenance but is undertaken for the sole use and information of MDOT. MDOT may withhold funds from the AGENCY for failure to maintain PROJECT equipment pursuant to this section until such time as the AGENCY meets the proper maintenance requirements as determined by MDOT.

Facility/PROJECT equipment purchased under this Agreement may, at the discretion of MDOT, be incorporated into a new or consolidated public transportation service at the time such service is implemented.

At such time as the PROJECT equipment has exceeded its useful life, the AGENCY, with prior notification to MDOT, will dispose of said equipment in accordance with MDOT and/or FEDERAL procedures. All proceeds from the disposal of PROJECT equipment will remain with the AGENCY and will be used to support the provision of public transportation services.

Agencies that receive FEDERAL funding through MDOT agree to give MDOT a security interest in any PROJECT equipment purchased pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. MDOT will retain a security interest in the PROJECT equipment until the terms of this section have been met.

The AGENCY agrees and warrants that it will not allow any encumbrance, lien, security interest, mortgage, or any evidence of indebtedness to attach to or be perfected against any PROJECT equipment until all of its duties, obligations, and responsibilities are satisfied as required herein.

The incidental use of FEDERAL/state-funded equipment or facilities for non-public transportation use cannot interfere with or detract from the provision of the public transportation service for which the equipment and/or facilities were intended or shorten the useful life of the equipment or facilities. The costs of any incidental use are ineligible for state or FEDERAL operating assistance and may require a state-approved cost allocation plan.

(Please see Section 22 for additional requirements for the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program.)

## **16. INSURANCE**

The AGENCY will carry and maintain for the life of the PROJECT equipment, as a minimum, insurance or self-insurance as set forth in Exhibit A, dated December 9, 2016, attached hereto and made a part hereof. Insurance payment for loss or damage will be made to MDOT. The AGENCY will also provide and maintain public liability and property damage insurance, insuring as they may appear the interests of all parties to this Agreement against any and all claims that may arise out of the AGENCY's operation hereunder, as set forth in Exhibit A.

Agencies receiving operating funds will provide Workers' Compensation Insurance as required by law.

## **17. INDEMNIFICATION**

The AGENCY agrees to indemnify and save harmless the State of Michigan, the COMMISSION, MDOT, and/or the FEDERAL agency and all officers, agents, and employees thereof:

- a. From any and all claims by persons, firms, or corporations for labor, services, materials, or supplies provided to the AGENCY in connection with this Agreement; and
- b. From any and all claims for injuries to or death of any and all persons, for loss of or damage to property, for environmental damage, degradation, and response and cleanup costs, and for attorney fees and related costs arising out of, under, or by reason of this Agreement, except claims resulting from the sole negligence or willful acts or omissions of said indemnitee, its agents, or its employees.

MDOT will not be subject to any obligations or liabilities by contractors of the AGENCY or their subcontractors or any other person not a party to the Agreement without its specific consent and notwithstanding its concurrence in or approval of the award of any contract or subcontract or the solicitation thereof.

It is expressly understood and agreed that the AGENCY will take no action or conduct that arises either directly or indirectly out of its obligations, responsibilities, and duties under this Agreement that results in claims being asserted against or judgments being imposed against the State of Michigan, the COMMISSION, MDOT, and/or the FEDERAL agency.

In the event that the same occurs, it will be considered as a breach of this Agreement, thereby giving the State of Michigan, the COMMISSION, MDOT, and/or the FEDERAL agency a right to seek and obtain any necessary relief or remedy, including, but not limited to, a judgment for money damages.

## **18. BILLINGS AND PAYMENTS FOR CAPITAL PROGRAMS**

The AGENCY may make requests for payment of allowable PROJECT costs for capital programs. In order for the AGENCY to receive payments from MDOT, the following conditions must be met:

- a. The AGENCY must submit requests for payments on applicable forms via ProjectWise, the electronic payment and data storage system utilized by the Office of Passenger Transportation. Payment forms must be complete and must include the agreement and PROJECT AUTHORIZATION numbers, the payment request number, identification of the payment as a partial payment or a final payment, the amount to be reimbursed, and, if applicable, the third-party contract number. If the request is for reimbursement for (a) replacement vehicle(s), the AGENCY will include the identification number(s) of the vehicle(s) to be replaced on the request form.

The AGENCY will submit a budget summary showing PROJECT costs to date and current billings against individual budget items as shown in the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.

- i. Agencies receiving FEDERAL funds administered by MDOT will submit required supporting documentation for each billing as set forth in the current [Procurement Guidelines for Grantees Receiving Federal Transit Funds via MDOT](#).
- ii. Prior to requesting reimbursement, the AGENCY may be required to enter data into its vehicle, equipment, and/or facility inventories in the Public Transportation Management System (PTMS). The AGENCY must enter the following information into PTMS:

- (a) the required information for revenue vehicles into the vehicle inventory;
  - (b) equipment procurements of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more into the equipment inventory if MDOT-administered FEDERAL funds were used for the purchase;
  - (c) new facilities into the facility inventory;
  - (d) facility improvements of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more into the facility inventory if MDOT-administered FEDERAL funds were used in the projects.
- iii. When requesting reimbursements for vehicles purchased under the local purchasing process, the AGENCY must follow the procedures outlined in the current [Guidelines for Local Vehicle Purchase on State Administered Grants](#).
- iv. When requesting reimbursements for vehicles purchased under the State of Michigan's Vehicle Purchasing Program, the AGENCY must follow the procedures outlined in the current [Guidelines for State Vehicle Purchasing Programs](#).
- v. MDOT reserves the right to verify progress of work and/or delivery of products to the AGENCY by visual inspection.
- vi. When requesting reimbursements for vehicles under a lease/purchase agreement, the AGENCY will submit a copy of the lease/purchase agreement with the first payment request.
- b. Within ninety (90) days after costs have been incurred or an invoice received, the AGENCY will submit to MDOT a billing to be charged against the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION. Upon written request by the AGENCY to MDOT within the ninety (90) day period, which request will include documentation of the circumstances that prevent timely submission of all billings, MDOT may, in writing, extend the ninety (90) day period to a date certain. If the AGENCY fails to provide all billings and supporting documentation ninety (90) days after costs were incurred or an invoice received or before or upon the extended date certain established by MDOT, MDOT may elect not to accept any further billings, regardless of whether or not the costs are otherwise allowable under the Agreement.
- c. Expenses paid under a PROJECT AUTHORIZATION cannot be included in expenses to be reimbursed under the 51 PA 1951 Section 10e(4) Local Bus Operating Assistance Program. If MDOT determines that the same expense is presented as being eligible for payment under a PROJECT AUTHORIZATION

and presented as being eligible for Local Bus Operating Assistance Program reimbursement, the expense could be disallowed under both.

Funds administered by MDOT as specified in the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION(S) will be payable by MDOT to the AGENCY.

**19. BILLINGS, PAYMENTS, AND QUARTERLY REPORTS FOR OPERATING PROGRAMS**

The AGENCY may make requests for payment of eligible PROJECT costs for operating programs. In order for the AGENCY to receive payments from MDOT, the following conditions must be met:

- a. The AGENCY must generate a quarterly operating assistance report in PTMS.
- b. One-quarter (1/4) of the funds to be provided by the State of Michigan and/or State of Michigan administered FEDERAL funds may be advanced to the AGENCY when the following conditions are met:
  - i. MDOT award of this Agreement.
  - ii. Award of the FEDERAL revenue grant, if applicable.
  - iii. MDOT award of the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.
  - iv. MDOT approval and receipt of executed third-party contracts, if applicable.
  - v. MDOT receipt of reports due from the previous fiscal year.
- c. Up to one-quarter (1/4) of the funds provided by the State of Michigan and/or State of Michigan administered FEDERAL funds set forth in the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION will be payable at the end of each quarter contingent upon the receipt of any outstanding reports from the previous quarter as required by this Agreement.
- d. Expenses paid under a PROJECT AUTHORIZATION cannot be included in expenses to be reimbursed under the 51 PA 1951 Section 10e(4) Local Bus Operating Assistance Program. If MDOT determines that the same expense is presented as being eligible for payment under a PROJECT AUTHORIZATION and presented as being eligible for Local Bus Operating Assistance Program reimbursement, the expense could be disallowed under both.

The AGENCY is responsible for the accuracy of the financial and non-financial data and reports submitted for reimbursement.

(Please see Section 20 for additional requirements for the Section 5311 Rural Area Formula Operating Program.)

## **20. THE SECTION 5311 RURAL AREA FORMULA OPERATING PROGRAM**

- a. The AGENCY's initial award amount in a PROJECT AUTHORIZATION is based on a predetermined reimbursement percentage times total eligible expenses reported in the AGENCY's approved annual application.
- b. Revenues, expenses, eligible expenses, and nonfinancial data is reported on a quarterly basis in accordance with the Local Public Transit Revenue and Expenses Manual.
- c. Forty (40) days after the end of each quarter, the AGENCY will submit a quarterly operating assistance report in PTMS.
- d. Payments are capped at one-quarter (1/4) of the amount of the initial award. MDOT may reduce a payment if a quarterly report indicates that the level of service is lower than originally budgeted. No payments will be made until MDOT is authorized to disburse the FEDERAL funds. Any unpaid amounts will be paid immediately upon authorization.
- e. The Section 5311 Program is required to be audited annually in accordance with the Audit Guide. Failure to comply with the audit requirement will result in a determination that the AGENCY has Zero Dollars (\$0.00) total eligible expenses.
- f. The AGENCY must review its annual Certified Public Accountant (CPA) audit as required by Section 29 - Responsibility to Review the Annual CPA Audit.
- g. MDOT reviews the audited eligible expenses for compliance with this Agreement, the R&E Manual, and the Audit Guide. Upon completion of the MDOT review, the AGENCY will be notified of any adjustments made to eligible expenses as reported in the CPA audit, the final calculation of Section 5311 funds determination, and the amount MDOT owes the AGENCY or the amount the AGENCY owes MDOT. The AGENCY will have twenty-one (21) days to either concur or disagree with MDOT's final calculation.

If the AGENCY disagrees with MDOT's final determination, the AGENCY will have an additional twenty-one (21) days to clearly explain the nature and basis for any disagreement and provide any supporting documentation necessary to resolve any disagreements. The AGENCY agrees that failure to submit a response within the forty-two (42) day period constitutes agreement with any disallowance of an item of expense and authorizes MDOT to finally disallow any items of questioned expense.

If MDOT finds that the predetermined reimbursement percentage times the audited eligible expenses exceeds the amount of FEDERAL funds available, and sufficient FEDERAL operating funds are not available in the next fiscal year to offset the shortage, a new percentage will be calculated. This new percentage will be calculated by dividing the total FEDERAL funds available for that period and purpose by the total of the audited eligible expenses of all the participating agencies. Any agency that has already received payments in a total amount that exceeds the new percentage of its actual eligible costs calculated pursuant to this paragraph will repay the excess to MDOT. If, within forty-two (42) days after written notification of the overpayment is sent to the AGENCY, arrangements to refund said monies have not been made, MDOT may withhold monies from any present or future contracts and/or from distributions to be made to the AGENCY pursuant to statute and may pursue any other available remedy to recover the overpayment. The AGENCY will be responsible for all costs in excess of the FEDERAL and MDOT funding.

## **21. THE SPECIALIZED SERVICES PROGRAM**

### **a. Budget Adjustments**

In order to adjust funds from one recipient to another, the recipients listed in the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION must make the request in writing, and the AGENCY and the COORDINATING COMMITTEE must agree upon the request.

### **b. Reimbursements**

Actual reimbursement will be based on an hourly rate or the rate for a one-way passenger trip up to the maximum amount provided in the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.

### **c. Third-Party Contract Procedures**

If no FEDERAL funds are used, then the AGENCY is exempt from the competitive bidding requirements outlined in Section 9 if the recipients listed in the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION are identified in the AGENCY's application to MDOT and are nonprofit corporations organized under the Nonprofit Corporation Act, Act 162 of the Public Acts of 1982, and eligible authorities and eligible governmental agencies as defined in Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended. Services provided by for-profit organizations are subject to competitive bidding requirements.

### **d. Accounting Records and Documentation**



- i. The AGENCY will ensure that records are established and maintained to support the number of hours incurred providing service, the number of passengers carried, and the number of miles traveled.
- ii. Agencies and subrecipients will use the current [Specialized Services Manual](#).

## **22. THE SECTION 5310 ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM**

### **a. Use and Disposition of Facility/Project Equipment**

In addition to the requirements in Section 15, the AGENCY agrees that the facility/PROJECT equipment will be used for the provision of public transportation service primarily for the elderly and persons with disabilities for the duration of its useful life and in accordance with the provision approved in the annual application and this Agreement.

### **b. Lease of Project Equipment**

The AGENCY may lease the PROJECT equipment to any other agency with the prior written approval of MDOT. The AGENCY will maintain or require the lessee to maintain the insurance provisions of Section 16 above. Any such lease will contain all applicable provisions of this Agreement.

## **23. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

### **a. Milestone Reports**

The AGENCY will prepare and submit to MDOT milestone reports ten (10) days after the end of each quarter in PTMS. Upon completion of the PROJECT deliverables, the AGENCY must submit to MDOT prior to the final PROJECT payment a comprehensive summary close-out report on the results of the PROJECT, the conclusions reached, and the methods used.

### **b. Final Reports**

The final close-out report must be submitted in the following Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant format:

- Use Arial font 11 or 12 point.
- Left justified.
- Underlining should be reserved for Uniform Resource Locators (URLs).
- Minimize use of bold or italics with text.
- Refrain from using all caps or highlighting text.

- If using text boxes, tables, and/or graphics, use descriptions the Optical Character Recognition (OCR) reader will recognize.
- No scanned documents.

c. **Management Information System Reporting**

Management Information System (MIS) Reports must be in the status of signed, pending grantee review by the date indicated on the letter from MDOT. If the report is not submitted by the requested date, all FEDERAL funding will be placed on hold. If the report is not completed by the FTA final deadline date (March 15<sup>th</sup>), all current funding will be withheld, and future funding may be denied.

d. **Section 5310 Performance Measures**

All Section 5310 performance measure reports must be completed and submitted by the deadline. If the report is not submitted by the requested date, all FEDERAL funding will be placed on hold. If the report is not completed by the FTA final deadline date (October 30<sup>th</sup>), all current funding will be withheld, and future funding may be denied.

**24. COMPLIANCE REVIEWS**

If the AGENCY fails to respond to letters of finding within forty-five (45) days, twenty-five percent (25%) of local bus operating funds will be withheld, current PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS will be suspended, and/or future funding may be denied. These measures will remain in effect until a satisfactory corrective action plan or requested documentation has been received and approved by MDOT. Once approval has been given, notification will be sent that withholding measures have been stopped and withheld funds will be released to the AGENCY.

**25. ACCOUNTING RECORDS, INTERNAL CONTROLS, AND RECORD RETENTION**

With regard to audits and record-keeping:

- a. The AGENCY will establish and maintain accurate records, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, of all expenses incurred for which payment is sought or made under this Agreement and/or any PROJECT AUTHORIZATION (RECORDS). Separate accounts will be established and maintained for all costs incurred for each PROJECT AUTHORIZATION under this Agreement.
- b. The AGENCY will maintain the RECORDS for at least three (3) years from the date of final payment made by MDOT under this Agreement and any PROJECT

AUTHORIZATION. In the event of a dispute with regard to the allowable expenses or any other issue under this Agreement or any PROJECT AUTHORIZATION, the AGENCY will thereafter continue to maintain the RECORDS at least until that dispute has been finally decided and the time for all available challenges or appeals of that decision has expired.

Agencies that are FORMULA RECIPIENTS will maintain the RECORDS for at least three (3) years from the date of final payment made by MDOT under this Agreement and any PROJECT AUTHORIZATION and until notified that the Local Bus Operating Assistance Program for the year of the RECORDS has been closed out.

- c. Agencies that are FORMULA RECIPIENTS will implement internal controls to identify and keep separate expenses incurred under PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS from expenses incurred for 51 PA 1951 Section 10e(4) reimbursement.
- d. MDOT or its representative may inspect, copy, scan, or audit the RECORDS at any reasonable time after giving reasonable notice.
- e. If any part of the work is subcontracted, the AGENCY will assure compliance with subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) above for all subcontracted work.

## **26. FISCAL YEAR-END ACCOUNTING COMPLIANCE**

Agencies must follow year-end accounting procedures in accordance with directions and guidance provided by MDOT for any AWARD. This includes, but is not limited to, payment requests and the setup of payables. Failure to comply could result in the loss of funds.

## **27. CONTRACTUAL PROVISION FOR FORMULA RECIPIENTS – CPA REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROLS**

If the AGENCY is an urban FORMULA RECIPIENT (an agency with an area whose population exceeds 100,000), it will engage a CPA to test and report on the AGENCY's internal controls, as specified in Section 25(c). The CPA engaged by the AGENCY may be the same CPA who performs the audit required pursuant to Sections 28(a) and 28(b). The report on internal controls issued by the CPA should be emailed to MDOT's Auditing Specialist for the Office of Passenger Transportation.

## **28. ANNUAL CPA AUDIT REQUIREMENTS**

If both a Federal Single Audit and a State Transit Audit are required, the AGENCY may have one audit performed that meets the requirements of both Subpart F of PART 200

and the Audit Guide. The audit must be submitted as required in subsections (a) and (b) below.

**a. Federal Single Audit**

Agencies expending a total of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) or more in FEDERAL funds from one or more funding sources in their fiscal year must have a single audit conducted for that year in accordance with Subpart F of PART 200. Submission requirements for the Single Audit are located at [Section 200.512 “Report submission”](#) of PART 200.

The Single Audit and the Section 200.512 of PART 200 reporting requirements must be:

- i. Uploaded at: <https://harvester.census.gov/facweb/default.aspx/>, or a hard copy can be put in the U.S. mail to:

Federal Audit Clearinghouse\*  
1201 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Jeffersonville, Indiana 47132

\*No contact person necessary

- ii. Sent to the following address via email:

Michigan Department of Transportation  
Financial Operations Division  
Budget, Outreach and Program Support Section  
[MDOT-LocalAgencyAudit@michigan.gov](mailto:MDOT-LocalAgencyAudit@michigan.gov)

If the Single Audit contains a Section 200.516(a) “Audit Findings” and/or a status of prior audit findings relating to a FEDERAL award, an electronic copy of the annual audit must be sent to Mr. Matthew Dietrich, Financial Analyst Federal Transit Administration, at: [matthew.dietrich@dot.gov](mailto:matthew.dietrich@dot.gov).

**b. State Transit Audit**

Agencies expending less than Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) in FEDERAL funds that are also FORMULA RECIPIENTS must have an annual CPA audit performed in accordance with the Audit Guide and all other applicable state laws and regulations relative to audit requirements. The audit will be uploaded to the Michigan Department of Treasury’s [website](#).

**c. No CPA Audit Required**

Agencies expending less than Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) in FEDERAL funds that are not FORMULA RECIPIENTS are not required to have a CPA audit performed but must submit the following information to MDOT:

- i. A statement advising that a single audit is not required.
- ii. The applicable fiscal year.
- iii. The amount of FEDERAL funds spent.
- iv. The name(s) of the MDOT federal programs.
- v. The Assistance Listing (formerly known as the Code of Federal Domestic Assistance).

All agencies are subject to the federally-required monitoring activities, which may include limited scope reviews and other on-site monitoring.

## **29. RESPONSIBILITY TO REVIEW THE ANNUAL CPA AUDIT**

Within thirty (30) days of the audit being posted to the appropriate website, the AGENCY will:

- a. Review all aspects of the audit relating to this Agreement and all applicable PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS, including the following:
  - i. The Schedule of Expenditure of Federal and State Awards to verify that it is complete and accurate.
  - ii. Audit findings applicable to this Agreement and the PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS hereunder.
  - iii. If Section 27 of this Agreement applies, the AGENCY will verify that the opinion issued by the CPA is an unqualified opinion.
- b. Report all errors, omissions, deficiencies, and inconsistencies in writing to the Auditing Specialist for MDOT's Office of Passenger Transportation (NOTIFICATION). The NOTIFICATION must include but is not limited to the following:
  - i. Identification of any missing line items for each PROJECT AUTHORIZATION and any incorrect dollar amounts reported on the Schedule of Expenditure of Federal and State Awards. The NOTIFICATION must explain why the errors occurred and must identify the corrective action taken or being taken to prevent future misreporting.
  - ii. If an audit finding, particularly one that identifies loss due to neglect, misuse, waste, or conflict of interest, is applicable to a PROJECT

AUTHORIZATION, the NOTIFICATION must explain the impact the audit finding has on the amount MDOT would otherwise be obligated to pay on the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION. The explanation must identify the corrective action taken or being taken to help to ensure that the audit finding is not repeated in future audits.

- iii. If the CPA issued a qualified opinion on the internal controls report required under Section 27, the NOTIFICATION must explain the internal control failure(s) and must identify the corrective action taken or to be taken to help to ensure that an unqualified opinion will be issued in future audits.

The AGENCY must take the necessary corrective action to prevent the same errors, omissions, deficiencies, and/or inconsistencies from being repeated in subsequent years' audits. Repetition of errors resulting in the same audit findings may result in the loss of funds associated with the PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS that are the subjects of the audit findings.

- c. If no errors, omissions, deficiencies, or inconsistencies are found in the audit, the AGENCY may either:
  - i. Submit a written concurrence to MDOT's Auditing Specialist that will allow the Office of Passenger Transportation to begin its review of the CPA audit; or
  - ii. Take no action and allow the thirty (30) day review period to expire. The AGENCY agrees that failure to submit a written concurrence means that the AGENCY has performed the required review, concurs with the audit, and agrees that MDOT can proceed with its review.

Upon expiration of the AGENCY's thirty (30) day review period, MDOT will review the CPA audits.

### **30. MDOT AUDIT AND ADJUSTMENTS**

In the event that an audit performed by or on behalf of MDOT indicates an adjustment to the costs reported under this Agreement or any PROJECT AUTHORIZATION or questions the allowability of an item of expense, MDOT will promptly submit to the AGENCY a Notice of Audit Results and a copy of the audit report, which may supplement or modify any tentative findings verbally communicated to the AGENCY at the completion of an audit.

Within sixty (60) days after the date of the Notice of Audit Results, the AGENCY will (a) respond in writing to the responsible bureau or office of MDOT indicating whether or not it concurs with the audit report, (b) clearly explain the nature and basis for any

disagreement as to a disallowed item of expense, and (c) submit to MDOT a written explanation as to any questioned or no opinion expressed item of expense, hereinafter referred to as the "RESPONSE." The RESPONSE will be clearly stated and will provide any supporting documentation necessary to resolve any disagreement or questioned or no opinion expressed item of expense. Where the documentation is voluminous, the AGENCY may supply appropriate excerpts and make alternate arrangements to conveniently and reasonably make that documentation available for review by MDOT. The RESPONSE will refer to and apply the language of the Agreement. The AGENCY agrees that failure to submit a RESPONSE within the sixty (60) day period constitutes agreement with any disallowance of an item of expense and authorizes MDOT to finally disallow any items of questioned or no opinion expressed cost.

MDOT will make its decision with regard to any Notice of Audit Results and RESPONSE within one hundred twenty (120) days after the date of the Notice of Audit Results. If MDOT determines that an overpayment has been made to the AGENCY, the AGENCY will repay that amount to MDOT or reach agreement with MDOT on a repayment schedule within thirty (30) days after the date of an invoice from MDOT. If the AGENCY fails to repay the overpayment or reach agreement with MDOT on a repayment schedule within the thirty (30) day period, the AGENCY agrees that MDOT will deduct all or a portion of the overpayment from any funds then or thereafter payable by MDOT to the AGENCY under this Agreement or any other agreement or payable to the AGENCY under the terms of 1951 PA 51, as applicable. Interest will be assessed on any partial payments or repayment schedules based on the unpaid balance at the end of each month until the balance is paid in full. The assessment of interest will begin thirty (30) days from the date of the invoice. The rate of interest will be based on the Michigan Department of Treasury common cash funds interest earnings. The rate of interest will be reviewed annually by MDOT and adjusted as necessary based on the Michigan Department of Treasury common cash funds interest earnings. The AGENCY expressly consents to this withholding or offsetting of funds under those circumstances, reserving the right to file a lawsuit in the Court of Claims to contest MDOT's decision only as to any item of expense the disallowance of which was disputed by the AGENCY in a timely filed RESPONSE.

### **31. ACCESS**

The AGENCY agrees to provide to MDOT copies of all reports and data specified in each PROJECT AUTHORIZATION. The AGENCY further agrees to provide MDOT access to all technical data, reports, other documents, lists of personnel, and work in process pertaining to any PROJECT. Copies of technical data, reports, lists of personnel, and other documents will be provided by the AGENCY upon request from MDOT and/or the FEDERAL agency.

### **32. NONDISCRIMINATION AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE**

- a. In connection with the acceptance of this Agreement, the AGENCY (hereinafter in Appendix A referred to as the “contractor”) agrees to comply with the State of Michigan provisions for “Prohibition of Discrimination in State Contracts,” as set forth in Appendix A, dated June 2011, attached hereto and made a part hereof. This provision will be included in all subcontracts relating to this Agreement
- b. During the performance of this Agreement, the AGENCY, for itself, its assignees, and its successors in interest (hereinafter in Appendix B referred to as the “contractor”) agrees to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, being P.L. 88-352, 78 Stat. 241, as amended, being Title 42 USC Sections 1971, 1975a-1975d, and 2000a-2000h-6, and the Regulations of the US DOT (49 CFR Part 21) issued pursuant to said Act, including Appendix B, dated June 2011, attached hereto and made a part hereof. This provision will be included in all subcontracts relating to this Agreement.
- c. The AGENCY will carry out the applicable requirements of MDOT’s Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program and 49 CFR Part 26, including, but not limited to, those requirements set forth in Appendix C, dated October 2, 2014, with regard to its contracting opportunities. The AGENCY’s contracting opportunities include the purchase of any items and the undertaking of any construction projects except transit vehicles.

When the AGENCY reaches the FEDERAL threshold of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) per FEDERAL fiscal year on FEDERAL funds administered by MDOT, MDOT will notify the AGENCY if it is required to submit its quarterly DBE Accomplishments to MDOT for these FEDERAL funds. Transit vehicles are exempt from this Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$250,000.00) threshold. Failure to comply with 49 CFR Part 26 will result in the withholding of FEDERAL funds administered by MDOT.

- d. Recipients of Department of Transportation (DOT) funds are expected to keep accurate data regarding the contracting opportunities available to firms paid for with DOT dollars. Failure to submit contracting data relative to the DBE program will result in noncompliance with 49 CFR Part 26. All dollar values listed on this form (Uniform Report of DBE Awards or Commitment and Payments) should represent the DOT share attributable to the Operating Administration.
- e. The DBE Commercially Useful Function (CUF) requirements (form 4109T) of MDOT’s Office of Passenger Transportation are set up to ensure compliance with 49 CFR Part 26.37(b). The requirements are effective immediately and apply to all federally-funded MDOT and local agency projects that include participation of a DBE certified company. It should be noted that this applies to all projects with work completed by DBE firms, not just projects with a DBE goal. This review



should be conducted while the DBE is actually working on the project. Federal regulation 49 CFR 26.55 states: “A DBE performs a commercially useful function when it is responsible for execution of the work on the contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved.” Additional FHWA CUF guidance can be found at: [www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials/commusefunction.pdf](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials/commusefunction.pdf).

- f. Agencies that direct reports to the FTA for the purposes of the DBE Program are required to provide copies of their FTA DBE participation reports on a semi-annual basis to MDOT.

### **33. CERTIFICATION**

For any PROJECT AUTHORIZATION in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) of FEDERAL funds, the AGENCY certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that:

- a. No FEDERAL appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the AGENCY to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any FEDERAL contract, the making of any FEDERAL grant, the making of any FEDERAL loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any FEDERAL contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- b. If any funds other than FEDERAL appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this grant, the AGENCY will complete and submit Standard Form LLL, “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,” pursuant to Section 1352, Title 31 USC, in accordance with its instructions.
- c. The AGENCY will require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all third-party agreements (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients will certify and disclose accordingly.
- d. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31 USC. Any person who fails to file the required certification will be subject to a civil penalty of not less than Ten Thousand

Dollars (\$10,000.00) and not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for each such failure.

### **34. TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION**

The AGENCY agrees that any PROJECT AUTHORIZATION and/or this Agreement may be terminated for any reason articulated in Section 340 (“Termination”) of PART 200.

For any reason, MDOT or the AGENCY may, by thirty (30) days written notice or as otherwise specified in the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION, suspend any or all of the rights and obligations under this Agreement or any PROJECT AUTHORIZATION until such time as the event or condition resulting in such suspension has ceased or been corrected.

For any reason, MDOT may, by thirty (30) days written notice to the AGENCY, or as otherwise specified in the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION, terminate any or all of the rights and obligations under this Agreement or any PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.

Upon receipt of any notice of termination or suspension of a PROJECT under this section and in accordance with MDOT procedures, the AGENCY will proceed promptly to carry out the actions required therein, which may, without limitation, include any or all of the following:

- a. Take all necessary action to keep to a minimum the further incurrence of eligible PROJECT costs.
- b. Furnish to MDOT a statement of the status of the PROJECT, the inventory, and the PROJECT costs to date, as well as a proposed schedule, plan, and budget for terminating or suspending and closing out PROJECT activities and contracts, and other undertakings, the costs of which are otherwise eligible as PROJECT costs. The closing out will be carried out in conformity with the latest schedule, plan, and budget approved by MDOT or under the terms and conditions imposed by MDOT for failure of the AGENCY to furnish a schedule, plan, and budget within a reasonable time. The closing out of MDOT financial participation in the PROJECT will not constitute a waiver of any claim MDOT may otherwise have arising out of this Agreement.

### **35. UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES**

In accordance with 1980 PA 278, MCL 423.321 *et seq.*, the AGENCY, in the performance of this Agreement, will not enter into a contract with a subcontractor, manufacturer, or supplier listed in the register maintained by the United States Department of Labor of employers who have been found in contempt of court by a federal court of appeals on not less than three (3) separate occasions involving different

violations during the preceding seven (7) years for failure to correct an unfair labor practice, as prohibited by Section 8 of Chapter 372 of the National Labor Relations Act, 29 USC 158. MDOT may void this Agreement if the name of the AGENCY or the name of a subcontractor, manufacturer, or supplier utilized by the AGENCY in the performance of this Agreement subsequently appears in the register during the performance period of this Agreement. The website for the register is <http://www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/#1>.

### **36. ASSIGNMENT OF ANTITRUST RIGHTS**

With regard to claims based on goods or services that were used to meet the AGENCY's obligation to MDOT under this Agreement, the AGENCY hereby irrevocably assigns its right to pursue any claims for relief or causes of action for damages sustained by the State of Michigan or MDOT due to any violation of 15 USC, Sections 1 – 15, and/or 1984 PA 274, MCL 445.771 - 445.788, excluding Section 4a, to the State of Michigan or MDOT.

The AGENCY shall require any subcontractors to irrevocably assign their rights to pursue any claims for relief or causes of action for damages sustained by the State of Michigan or MDOT with regard to claims based on goods or services that were used to meet the AGENCY's obligation to MDOT under this Agreement due to any violation of 15 USC, Sections 1 – 15, and/or 1984 PA 274, MCL 445.771 - 445.788, excluding Section 4a, to the State of Michigan or MDOT as a third-party beneficiary.

The AGENCY shall notify MDOT if it becomes aware that an antitrust violation with regard to claims based on goods or services that were used to meet the AGENCY's obligation to MDOT under this Agreement may have occurred or is threatened to occur. The AGENCY shall also notify MDOT if it becomes aware of any person's intent to commence, or of commencement of, an antitrust action with regard to claims based on goods or services that were used to meet the AGENCY's obligation to MDOT under this Agreement.

### **37. INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF OR DELEGATES TO CONGRESS**

No member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States will be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or to any benefit arising therefrom.

### **38. PROHIBITED INTEREST**

No member, officer, or employee of the AGENCY, during his/her tenure or one (1) year thereafter, will have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

### **39. POLITICAL ACTIVITY**

None of the funds, the facilities, or the PROJECT equipment provided in any PROJECT AUTHORIZATION under this Agreement will be used for any partisan political or millage activity or to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public office.

### **40. DISCREPANCIES**

In case of any discrepancy between the body of this Agreement and any attachment hereto, the body of this Agreement will govern. In case of any discrepancy between the body of this Agreement and any PROJECT AUTHORIZATION hereunder, the body of this Agreement will govern.

### **41. TERM OF AGREEMENT**

The effective date of this Agreement is effdate, and the Agreement will continue in effect until the last obligation between the parties under this Agreement has been fulfilled. The Agreement will include PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS for program years beginyr through endyr.

When the funding of a PROJECT AUTHORIZATION is contingent upon the award of the matching FEDERAL grant for MDOT and FTA funds, MDOT will allow costs to be incurred for PROJECTS in advance of FEDERAL and MDOT approval to be apportioned in fiscal years fiscalyrs, including carryover amounts, subject to allowance by the FEDERAL agency and the following: (1) use of this pre-award spending authority must meet all of the conditions and requirements as may be set forth in the Federal Register, and (2) costs incurred for the PROJECT that are not approved by the FEDERAL agency or MDOT will not be eligible for reimbursement and will remain the responsibility of the AGENCY.

When a PROJECT AUTHORIZATION contains only state funds or only state and local funds, MDOT will allow costs to be incurred by the AGENCY for the PROJECT prior to award of the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION. If costs are incurred for a PROJECT that are not approved by MDOT, those costs will not be eligible for reimbursement and will remain the responsibility of the AGENCY. If for any reason the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION does not get awarded, MDOT will not be responsible for expenses that have been incurred.

MDOT will not pay or be responsible for any costs incurred by the AGENCY subsequent to the expiration of the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.

PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS may be issued under this Agreement beginning PAbegindt. The term for a PROJECT AUTHORIZATION will be indicated on that PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.

## 42. SIGNING

This Agreement will become binding on the parties upon signing by the duly authorized representatives of the AGENCY and MDOT and upon the adoption of a resolution approving this Agreement and authorizing the signature(s) hereto of the respective official(s) of the AGENCY. A certified copy of the Agreement resolution must be provided to MDOT.

Prior to the award of any PROJECT AUTHORIZATION, the AGENCY must provide to MDOT a certified copy of a resolution approving the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION and authorizing the signature(s) of the respective official(s) of the AGENCY. In lieu of individual resolutions for each PROJECT AUTHORIZATION, the AGENCY may elect to provide authority to sign the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION as a part of the Agreement resolution.

AGENCY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Department Director